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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 70/22, the General Assembly, having taken note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (A/70/29), requested the Chair of the Committee to continue his informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the Assembly at its seventy-second session.

2. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee held its formal session (457th meeting) on 10 July 2017 at United Nations Headquarters. The Chair also held a number of consultations and meetings during 2017.

3. At the 457th meeting, the following delegations made statements in the general discussion under agenda item 4: [to be completed].

4. The Committee is composed of the following States:

(a) 43 members:

Australia	Italy
Bangladesh	Japan
Bulgaria	Kenya
Canada	Liberia
China	Madagascar
Djibouti	Malaysia
Egypt	Maldives
Ethiopia	Mauritius
Germany	Mozambique
Greece	Netherlands
India	Norway
Indonesia	Oman
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Pakistan
Iraq	Panama

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Poland	Thailand
Romania	Uganda
Russian Federation	United Arab Emirates
Seychelles	United Republic of Tanzania
Singapore	Yemen
Somalia	Zambia
Sri Lanka	Zimbabwe
Sudan	

(b) Observers:

Nepal

South Africa

Sweden

5. Following elections to fill vacancies in the Bureau, the officers of the Committee were as follows:

Chair:
Amrith Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairs:
Darren Hansen (Australia)
[to be completed] (Indonesia)
[to be completed] (Mozambique)

Rapporteur:
Lalaina Josie Brigitte Raharimboahangy (Madagascar)

II. Work of the Committee in 2017

A. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 457th meeting, the Committee adopted the agenda as contained in document A/AC.159/L.147, which read as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 70/22.
5. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.
6. Other matters.

B. Report of the Chair

7. At its 457th meeting, the Committee considered agenda item 4, concerning the report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly

resolution 70/22. The Chair made the following comprehensive statement on his consultations:

[to be completed]

8. During the meeting, an exchange of views was held on a range of issues relating to the work of the Committee.

9. The Committee reaffirmed the continuing relevance of its mandate in the light of new threats and challenges confronting the region. The importance of organizations such as the Indian Ocean Rim Association was viewed as being of particular significance in enhancing cooperation in maritime safety and security. The need for Member States to continue their engagement in the process was also emphasized, with a view to determining the future direction of the work of the Committee. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to the realization of the goals of peace, security and stability in the Indian Ocean region.

10. The Committee remained convinced that the participation of all permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users in the work of the Committee was important and would assist the progress of a mutually beneficial dialogue aimed at developing conditions of peace, security and stability in the region.

C. Recommendations

11. The Chair was requested to continue informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session.

D. Adoption of the report of the Committee

12. At the 457th meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

13. At the same meeting, the Chair informed the members of the Committee of his intention to hold informal consultations concerning the text of the draft resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.

14. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its report.